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Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium Scholarships

The 11th Annual California Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel from April 12-15, 2004. For more information on the Symposium visit: http://www.arb.ca.gov/TRAINING/enfsym.htm. Cal/EPA is offering a limited number of scholarships to attend the Symposium. The scholarships are available to state, local and tribal environmental enforcement staff. **Applications are due by Friday Feb. 27, 2004**. For more information visit Cal/EPA's website. http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/News/Scholarships.htm

Unified Program Dates

2/18/2004	Unified Program Policy Group
3/9/2004	Technical Group on Instructions and Forms
3/10/2004	AEO TAG
3/16/2004	UPAAG Data Steering Committee
3/17/2004	Statewide Training Coordinators Group
3/18/2004	Unified Program Policy Group
3/25/2004	Unified Program Administration and Advisory Group
3/26/2004	Unified Program Industry Roundtable

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Rejected Shipments of Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet

The DTSC has recently completed and posted a Fact Sheet on the management of rejected loads. For further information, please contact Ms. Hortensia Muniz-Ghazi at 916-324-1818. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PublicationsForms/HWM FS RejectedWastes.pdf

Hazardous Wastes of Concern

DTSC has posted a fact sheet and has information relating to Hazardous Wastes of Concern (HWC) at the following link: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegulationsPolicies/HWC/HWC_final_regs.html
This includes listings of the HWC, regulations, and outreach efforts.

State Water Resources Control Board

UST Inspectors Workshop

The workshop was held February 17, 2004; David Boyers, SWRCB Staff Counsel presented information on the basics of Statutes vs. Regulations. http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/workshops/info.html

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General recommendations for testing leak detection sensors has been posted on SWRCB's website. http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/163.pdf

State Fire Marshal

Fire Engineering Division

Unified Program Update

In January, there were three CUPA evaluations including City of Gilroy, City of Long Beach/Signal Hill, and Los Angeles County. In February, evaluations will be conducted at the Sonoma and Santa Rosa CUPAs, and in March, program evaluations for Glendale, Vernon, and City of Roseville are scheduled. February and March will also include the usual committee meetings including STCG, Evaluator's Group, Policy Group, UPAAG, and CUPA Forums.

New CUPA web page posting: For an online training presentation of the HMMP/HMIS program element in the Unified Program, click under the "What's New" heading on the CUPA webpage (www.fire.ca.gov, or http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/cupa.html). This PowerPoint program was presented at the 2004 CUPA conference in February.

For questions on the Unified Program, call Dennis Ryan at (916) 324-0232.

Fireworks Program

A work group established for proposed regulations change to add additional requirements based on NFPA 1126 to Title19 CCR for proximate fireworks. The intent is to give the fire inspector regulatory authority for placement of devices in relation to the audiences of nightclubs and related occupancies, as well as during the demonstration of devices when requested by the AHJ.

The SFM is continuing fireworks disposal operations in Los Angles County. The operations are part of an overall joint operation between the SFM, LA County FD, U.S EPA, and Department of Toxic Substances Control. For questions, call Pat Sanchez at (916) 445-8415.

Code Development and Analysis

Regulations

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) has established four focus groups (Fire Safety, Accessibility, General Design and Structural) consisting of members from the following state agencies: Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Division of the State Architect (DSA), Housing and Community Development (HCD), and Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The focus groups are working with NFPA staff to insure compliance with the interests of California. The Fire Focus Group is chaired by the OSFM and has been meeting monthly. In mid-March, a draft NFPA based California Building Code and California Fire Code for fire and panic safety will be released. For questions, call Gini Kripner at (916) 327-7672.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to Anie Wilson at (916) 327-9559 or awilson@calepa.ca.gov.

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